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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SZ, SW, KN

SUBJ: SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: A. STOCKHOLM 0991; B. BERN 2782, 6 OCTOBER 1972

1. SWISS FONMIN SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TO PRESS MARCH 22 THAT SWEDISH INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO SWISS. SAID SWITZERLAND WOULD NOT FOLLOW SUIT FOR TIME BEING; PRESENCE OF SWISS AMBASSADOR TO PRC IN PYONG- YANG AT TIME OF SWEDISH ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PURELY COINCIDENTAL. IN CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL OF SWISS FOREIGN MINISTRY ( GELZER) LATER IN THE DAY DCM MENTIONED SWEDISH ANNOUNCEMENT AND INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANGE IN SWISS POSITION AS FELLOW MEMBER NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION ( NNSC).

2. GELZER REPLIED THAT SWISS REMAIN COOL TO IDEA OF RECOGNIZING NORTH KOREA AND HAVE NO INTEREST -- ECONOMIC OR OTHER -- IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PYONG- YANG. HE CONFIRMED THAT SWISS AMBASSADOR' S VISIT THERE AT THIS TIME WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE. AS THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE, PERIODIC TRIPS BY SWISS AMBASSADOR PRC TO NORTH KOREA ARE SWISS PRACTICE OF LONG STANDING.

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